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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

JP P2000-121961 to HIBINO, laid open on April 28, 2000, which is accompanied by an English language translation and which is cited on page 1 of the specification;

JP P2000-75218 to YAMATANI, laid open on March 14, 2000, which is accompanied by an English language translation and which is cited on page 2 of the specification;

US 5,323,009 to HARRIS, issued June 21, 1994;

US 5,120,953 to HARRIS, issued June 9, 1992;

US 6,095,970 to HIDAKA et al., issued August 1, 2000.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above-noted documents. Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

A copy of the foreign-language document and an English language translation thereof are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Copies of the references, as well as an English language of the foreign language document, are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also call to the Examiner's attention the following commonly assigned patent application:

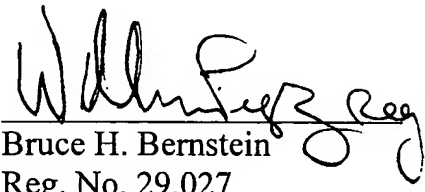
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/774,540 to OKADA et al., filed February 10, 2004.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is requested to review the file wrapper of the U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark

Office. Of course, if for any reason the Examiner cannot locate the application, Applicants will provide any requested materials, if possible.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

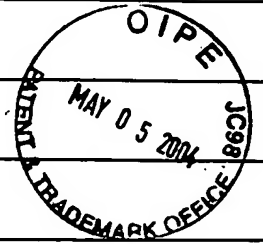
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5 3 2 3 0 0 9	06/21/94	HARRIS			
	5 1 2 0 9 5 3	06/09/92	HARRIS			
	6 0 9 5 9 7 0	08/01/00	HIDAKA et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
200 0 - 1 2 1 9 6 1	04/28/00	HIBINO			X
20 0 0 - 7 5 2 1 8	03/14/00	YAMATANI			X

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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